

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re the Application of: **NISHIDE, Takuji et al.**

Group Art Unit: **3763**

Serial No.: **10/576,534**

Examiner: **HOLLOWAY, Ian K.**

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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
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June 25, 2010

Sir:

This Preliminary Amendment is being filed concurrently with a Request for Continued Examination in response to the Final Office Action dated **March 4, 2010**, extended from **June 4, 2010** to **July 4, 2010** by a one-month Petition for Extension of Time. Prior to further examination, please amend the above-referenced application as follows:

A Listing of the Claims begin on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 7 of this paper.